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In re Application of: John R. Rice  
Application No. 10/620,534  
Filed: July 16, 2003  
For: NEW GUARDS FOR APPLICATION  
IN SOFTWARE TAMPERPROOFING

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age, November 3, 2004, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition to make special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV must include a showing, as by a birth certificate or the applicant's statement, that the applicant is sixty five (65) years of age or more. No fee is required for this petition.

The petition includes a copy of the statement that the applicant, is over sixty five (65) years of age.

Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED. The application is being forwarded to the examiner for expedite prosecution.

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